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Belden Statement on Conflict Minerals April 2013

Belden Inc. (BDC) is aware of and concerned by reports that profits from the sale of certain metals mined in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) or adjoining countries have helped fuel war and human rights violations in the eastern Congo. Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act imposes new supply chain reporting requirements on U.S. publicly traded companies to promote transparency and consumer awareness regarding the use of “conflict minerals” (tantalum, tin, gold and tungsten, or “3TG”) that directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in that region.

As required by the Dodd-Frank Act, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has adopted rules requiring publicly traded companies to disclose whether they use 3TG that originated in the DRC or an adjoining country and if so, to issue a report identifying their products that are not conflict free and their due diligence efforts to determine the country of origin and chain of custody of the metals. Conflict free means the product does not contain 3TG that directly or indirectly finances or benefits armed groups in the DRC or an adjoining country.

Belden, like many companies in electronic product industries, uses some of these materials in the manufacturing of its products as they are required for the functional performance of the products. Belden does not purchase these metals directly from smelters or mines, so we must rely on the source information provided by our suppliers. Belden is working closely with our direct suppliers to trace newly mined minerals back to their origin in order to ensure responsible sourcing. As tracing methods evolve, we intend to incorporate appropriate proven methods in our program.

Belden has begun requiring that suppliers whose products contain 3TG submit this information to Belden using the standardized EICC/GeSI Conflict Minerals Reporting Template that traces the metals back through the supply chain. Belden also supports industry initiatives such as the Conflict Free Smelter (CFS) program to validate responsible and sustainable sources. If Belden becomes aware of a supplier whose supply chain includes metals from a conflict source, Belden will take the appropriate actions to remedy the situation in a timely manner, including reassessment of supplier relationships. Belden expects our suppliers to take similar measures with their suppliers to ensure alignment throughout the supply chain.

Belden’s supply chain audit is underway and we expect to have information for our own reporting requirements, as well as the requirements of our customers, by the end of the calendar year 2013 in support of the May 31, 2014 reporting deadline outlined by the Dodd-Frank regulations.

If you require specific conflict mineral sourcing information for Belden products or require more information on our policy, please contact your local Belden sales representative or Belden Corporate Communications at corporate.communications@belden.com.